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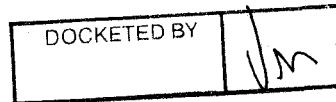
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Commissioner Jim Irvin
Commissioner William A. Mundell
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Docket #T-01051B-99-0105

Dear Commissioner Irvin & Commissioner Mundell:

I'm aware of the timelines established by the Hearing Officer in the Qwest rate case that calls for briefs to be filed by December 18, 2000.

It would be my preference to decide the Qwest application given that my office has spent nearly two years reviewing this matter. In fact, the genesis for the rate case stems from an order that I concurred with that Qwest file for new rates. In addition, the basic formulation in the request that calls for greater competition and additional pricing flexibility has been a subject much discussed and promoted by this office throughout my tenure.

While I certainly think that any change in schedule should be dependent upon whether the Hearing Officer is capable of distilling the information the Commission has received throughout the course of review, to the extent that she is, I would prefer a schedule that would allow for disposition of the matter before I depart the Commission.

Yesterday, Qwest Communications filed a motion to accelerate the time for a decision in this matter. If the Hearing Officer is capable of producing an order in the Qwest proposed time-frame without unduly burdening the other parties to the case, I would request that the matter be accelerated and the Qwest request be accepted.

I respectfully request your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Kunasek
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